

IN THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) A method of uniquely identifying an entity, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing at least one portable wireless identification device;
- (b) providing a reader device;
- (c) providing at least one portable wireless control device;
- (d) providing a scanner device;
- (e) acquiring data signals representative of at least one unique characteristic of the entity by the scanning device;
- (f) communicating the data to the reader device;
- (g) controlling, by the wireless control device, the storage of the data representative of the unique characteristic of the entity on the wireless identification device, via the reader device, and the erasure of the data representative of the unique characteristic of the entity from the reader device and/or the wireless control device; and
 - (i) configuring the reader device by the wireless control device;
 - (ii) configuring the wireless identification device by the wireless control device via the reader device; and/or
 - (iii) configuring a subsequent wireless identification device by the wireless control device via the reader device.

27.-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Original) The method of claim 26, further comprising the steps of:
wirelessly communicating specified data signals by the wireless control device to
the reader device; and
performing an action sequence by the reader device based upon the data signals.

31. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the entity is a person and the
unique characteristic is a biometric property of the person.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the biometric property is one
of a fingerprint, a retinal print and a dermal sample.

33. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein at least one of the wireless
identification device and the wireless control device is in the form of a portable card.

34. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the reader device is in the
form of an enclosed housing having at least a portion for allowing the acquisition and
transmission of data signals therethrough.

35. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the reader device further
includes at least one of an audio indication device and a visual indication device in
communication with and controlled by the reader device.